

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated February 23, 2005, within the three-month period for response. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-8, 12-21 and 25-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,987,621 to Duso et al. (Duso et al.). The Office Action also rejected dependent claims 9-11 and 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duso et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,964,887 to Conseil (Conseil).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and objections, as the cited references do not disclose or suggest the invention as recited in any of claims 1-30. Applicants have nonetheless amended claims 1, 15 and 29 in deference to the Examiner.

As an initial matter, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the consideration extended in the telephonic interview conducted between the Examiner and Applicants' representative on May 20, 2005. In the interview, proposed amendments to the claims were discussed. Based upon the proposed amendments, the Examiner indicated that such proposed Amendments would definitely overcome the art of record. Accordingly, each independent claim has been amended to recite a shareable spare adaptor consisting essentially of a circuit board configured to removably couple to a computer resource.

The amended hardware language is inherent to adaptors, and Applicants have included the language to clear up any perceived misunderstanding, i.e., not to limit the scope of the claims. The language was particularly added to more clearly distinguish an adapter from a server and/or network of servers. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is being added by the above amendments, as the amendments are fully supported in the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

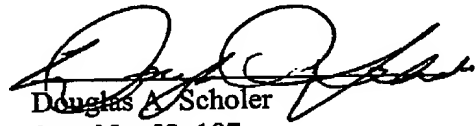
Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the

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foregoing, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

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